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Contacts made during the year 1963 with Cuban sources in New Orleans who are usually cognizant of foreign organizational-type political activities in the New Orleans area failed to indicate the existence in New Orleans during the year 1963 of a chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). Contact with these same sources in 1963 also failed to indicate the existence of significant activity on the part of subject organization in New Orleans with, of course, the exception of the overt and publicized efforts of Lee Harvey Oswald as set forth below. (U)

On August 9, 1963, Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested by officers of the New Orleans Police Department, New Orleans, Louisiana, on a charge of "Disturbing the Peace." His arrest resulted from an altercation he had on that date with three anti-Castro Cubans who had objected to Oswald's distribution of FPCC literature on Canal Street on August 9, 1963. (U)

Oswald was reported to have distributed other FPCC literature on the street in New Orleans on August 16, 1963. He was reported to have appeared in a debate against two anti-Castro individuals on a local radio station in New Orleans on August 21, 1961. (U)

The nonexistence of a chapter of subject organization in New Orleans in 1963 is confirmed by an excerpt taken from a letter written by V. T. Lee, National Director of the FPCC, dated May 28, 1963, at New York, and directed to Lee Harvey Oswald in New Orleans. This excerpt is quoted below: (U)

"We certainly are not at all adverse to a very small Chapter but certainly would expect that there would be

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"at least twice the amount needed to conduct a legal executive board for the Chapter. Should this be reasonable we could readily issue a charter for a New Orleans Chapter of FPCC. In fact, we would be very, very pleased to see this take place and would like to do everything possible to assist in bringing it about. We feel that the south-east is a very difficult area to work because of our lack of contacts. Our only south-eastern Chapter right now is that in Tampa, Florida which I originally organized before coming up to work in the National Office."

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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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